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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,927,547, dated July 27, 1999 issued to Papen et al.;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,763,278, dated June 9, 1998, issued to Sickinger et al.;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,807,522, dated September 15, 1998 issued to Brown et al.
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,854,645, dated December 29, 1998 issued to Witteveen et al.;
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,546,361, dated October 8, 1985 issued to Brescia et al.;

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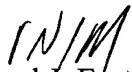
  
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6. European Patent Application No. EP 0 895 082 A2, dated February 3, 1999; and
7. Japanese Patent Appplication No. 6-347305, dated December 22, 1994.

Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no petition, certification or fee is required.

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